

Name _____ **Active and Passive Voice**



Writing in Active Voice

Sentences in active and passive voice both contain action verbs, but they differ in how the action relates to the subject. In active voice, the subject performs the action. In passive voice the subject receives the action.

ACTIVE VOICE: We drove the car to the movies.

PASSIVE VOICE: Our car was driven to the movies.

DIRECTIONS: The sentences below are in passive voice. Rewrite them in active voice.

1. The room was vacated by Mary. _____

2. The fruit was eaten by the athletes. _____

3. The pencils were sharpened by the students. _____

4. The Civil War was lost by the South. _____

5. The notebooks were distributed by the teacher. _____
